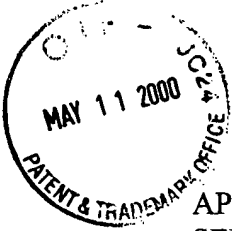


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In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 7, 2000 regarding the above captioned patent application, the applicants hereby respectfully submit the following response.

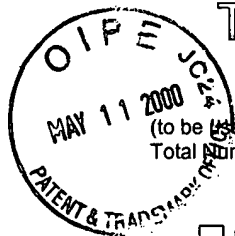
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Applicants' attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone conference of May 1, 2000. Applicants wish to affirm that the Examiner has indicated that the 35 USC §112 rejection was overcome as indicated in the first paragraph of the final action. The repeat of 35 USC §112 rejected in paragraphs 5 and 6 was in error. Accordingly, Applicants will not respond to this inadvertent error.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants' attorney confirms that there was no amendment to Claim 26 in the previous amendment.

Claims 1-4, 6-18, 23-24 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dolphin in view of Lewis for the same reasons set forth in the previous

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